

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A textile article having flame resistant properties comprising

a plurality of inherently flame resistant fibers formed into a fabric, and

a finish on the inherently flame resistant fibers of the fabric,

wherein the finish imparts a property selected from the group consisting of: one or more of an antimicrobial agent, a soil repellent and a fluid repellent.

Claim 2 (Original) The textile article according to claim 1 wherein the finished textile article has a flame resistance that passes the standard method NFPA 701 – 1996 edition testing protocol.

Claim 3 (Original) The textile article according to claim 1 wherein the article is made of polyester fibers.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) The textile article according to claim 3 wherein the article is made of AVORA™ polyester fibers incorporating organic phosphorous compounds.

Claim 5 (Original) The textile article according to claim 1 wherein the antimicrobial agent is a molecularly bound antimicrobial agent.

Claim 6 (Original) The textile article according to claim 5 wherein the antimicrobial agent is an organosilane.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) The textile article according to claim 6 wherein the antimicrobial agent is AEM-5700™ Octadecylaminodimethyltrihydroxysilylpropyl Ammonium Chloride.

Claim 8 (Original) The textile article according to claim 1 wherein the fluid repellent is a fluorochemical.

Claim 9 (Original) The textile article according to claim 8 wherein the fluid repellent is also a soil repellent.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) The textile article according to claim 9 wherein the fluid repellent is ZONYL-7040™ a water based dispersion of fluorinated acrylic co-polymer.

Claim 11 (Original) The textile article according to claim 1 wherein the textile article is a bedspread.

Claim 12 (Original) The textile article according to claim 1 wherein the textile article is a drapery.

Claim 13 (Original) The textile article according to claim 1 wherein the textile article is upholstery fabric.

Claim 14 (Original) The textile article according to claim 1 wherein the finish includes a flame retardant.

Claim 15 (Original) The textile article according to claim 14 wherein the flame retardant is a phosphonate.

Claim 16 (Original) The textile article according to claim 15 wherein the flame retardant is a cyclic phosphonate.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended) The textile article according to claim 16 wherein the finish includes ~~Flame Retardant 50~~ FLAME RETARDANT 50TM cyclic phosphonate flame retardant.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended) The textile article according to claim 1 wherein the article is made from ~~Trevira CS~~ TREVIRA CSTM fibers of polyester incorporating organic phosphorous compounds.

Claim 19 (Original) A textile article having flame resistant properties comprising a plurality of inherently flame resistant polyester fibers formed into a fabric, and a finish on the fabric including a cyclic phosphonate flame retardant, wherein the finish includes a molecularly bound antimicrobial agent which is an organosilane, and a fluorochemical soil and fluid repellent, and wherein the finished fabric has a flame resistance that passes the standard method NFPA 701 – 1996 edition testing protocol.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended) A textile article having flame resistant properties comprising
a fabric consisting of a plurality of inherently flame resistant fibers ~~formed into a fabric~~, and
a finish on the fabric containing a fluorochemical, a cyclic phosphonate and an organosilane.

Claim 21 (Original) The textile article according to claim 20 wherein the finished textile article has a flame resistance that passes the standard method NFPA 701 – 1996 edition testing protocol.

Claims 22-41 (Cancelled, due to restriction requirement.)

Claim 42 (New) A textile article having flame resistant properties comprising a plurality of inherently flame resistant fibers formed into a fabric formed entirely of the inherently flame resistant fibers, and a finish on the fabric, wherein the finish imparts a property selected from the group consisting of: one or more of an antimicrobial agent, a soil repellent and a fluid repellent.

Claim 43 (New) A textile article having flame resistant properties comprising a fabric formed of yarns, at least some of the yarns being formed entirely of a plurality of inherently flame resistant fibers, and a finish on the fabric, wherein the finish imparts a property selected from the group consisting of: one or more of an antimicrobial agent, a soil repellent and a fluid repellent.

Claim 44 (New) A textile article having flame resistant properties comprising a homogeneous mixture of inherently flame resistant fibers formed into a fabric, and a finish on the fibers of the fabric, wherein the finish imparts a property selected from the group consisting of one or more of antimicrobial, soil repellent and fluid repellent.